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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DELUCIA ET AL.

Examiner

Camie S Thompson

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed April 30, 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 20-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed April 30, 2004 have been acknowledged.
2. Examiner acknowledges amended claims 1, 16 and 22.
3. The rejection of claims 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is withdrawn due to applicant's amended claim 16.
4. The rejection of claims 1-2, 5, 9-11, 13-15, 20-21 and 23-29 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2,284,786 is withdrawn due to applicant's amended claim 1 and argument.
5. The rejection of claims 1, 3-4 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over GB 2,284,786 in view of Jones et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,420,625 is withdrawn due to applicant's amended claim 1 and argument.
6. The rejection of claims 1, 12 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2,284,786 in view of Tanzer et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,853,403 is withdrawn due to applicant's amended claim 1 and argument.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-15 and 20-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification does not implicitly disclose that the plurality of voids extend in a cross machine direction of the composite material.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 16-19 allowed. The prior art does not provide for a composite material, comprising: a first layer forming a plurality of apertures; and a substructure bonded to the first layer at a plurality of bonding locations to form a plurality of compartments, the first layer apertures forming fluid communication between the first and the substructure and the compartments entrapping particles contained within a fluid which passes. Additionally, the prior art does not provide a suggestion or modification to make the instant invention.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 and 20-29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is (703) 872-9306.

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